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SUBJECT: APOLLO-SOYUZ CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PAL LOSONCZI, PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. QUOTE: EXCELLENCY: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AS WE CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION. PARA: I HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL MANNED SPACE VENTURE AND HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE. PARA: THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION DEMONSTRATES THAT, BY COMBINING THEIR SKILLS AND INTELLECT, NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL FOR SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS AND ATTAINING COMMON GOALS ON EARTH AS WELL AS IN SPACE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE INCOMING MESSAGE: QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES OF AMERICA, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON THE OCCASION OF THE SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF THE AMERICAN-SOVIET JOINT SPACE ACTIVITIES
OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE; , EXPRESS MY CONGRATULATIONS TO
YOU TO THE BRAVE AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS THOMAS STAFFORD, VANCE
BRAND,DONALD SLAYTON, PARTICIPANTS OF THE JOINT SCIENTIFIC
PROGRAM AND TO ALL WHO MADE THESE MAGNIFICENT ACHIEVEMENTS
POSSIBLE. I SINCERELY WISH THE PRESENT JOINT STEPS MADE
TOWARD THE PEACEFUL CONQUEST OF SPACE TO BE FOLLOWED BY
NEW ONES. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL ALSO
RESULT IN FURTHER PROGRESS AND NEWER SUCCESSES IN THE
FIELDS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. PAL LOSONCZI,
PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL OF THE HUNGARIAN
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. END QUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO
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